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## BRITISH DENY KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN PLOT

Announcement Answers Hints That Allies' Representatives Gave Letter to Wilson.

### MEXICO'S ATTITUDE SOUGHT

Formal Disavowal of Participation in Scheme is Expected; Villa's Whereabouts are Mystery.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The British embassy has denied any knowledge of the Zimmerman plot letter before the administration revealed it. The announcement answers hints that allies representatives gave President Wilson the letter. The state department has instructed Ambassador Fletcher to see Carranza today and ask him Mexico's attitude on the German plot. Villa's border agents reported that Villa probably will join Germany in event of a German-American war. It has received no direct expression of Villa's attitude. His present whereabouts are a mystery.

MEXICO CITY, March 2.—Formal disavowal of Mexico's participation in the Zimmerman plot is expected within a few days. Carranza's new foreign minister probably will officially deny that Germany ever suggested the scheme to the government. The Mexicans generally believe that the Zimmerman letter is a fraud. Both Japanese and German ministers denied all knowledge of it.

## PENDLETON ELKS TO HAVE NEW QUARTERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS

R. W. Rittner Newly Elected Exalted Ruler; Makes Statement in Speech of Acceptance; Details of Plans Withheld at Present.

Renewal of the Pendleton Elks' campaign for a fine new business block and club rooms is promoted by the election of new officers last evening. R. W. Rittner, elected exalted ruler for the next year, in his short speech of acceptance, indicated that the plans are to be revived when he expressed the belief that a year from now the Pendleton lodge will be meeting in fine new quarters.

Just what the plans are for building are withheld at this time but it is expected that the new exalted ruler will discuss them to some extent when he takes office at the first meeting in April. Two years ago the Elks had plans drawn for remodeling and rebuilding their building at the corner of Court and Cottonwood, but they were abandoned through lack of an adequate plan for financing the undertaking.

The result of the election last night was as follows: Exalted ruler, R. W. Rittner; esteemed leading knight, Charles Vinier; esteemed local knight, James R. Bowler; esteemed lecturing knight, F. J. McConkey; secretary, Thomas Pitts; treasurer, R. M. Mayberry; Tyler, Tom Smart; trustee, Roy Raley; trustee to complete term of R. W. Rittner, G. W. Phelps.

After the meeting the Elks enjoyed an oyster supper.

### BUT WHAT BUSINESS IS THAT WITH WHITMAN?

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2.—Governor Whitman has directed the state athletic commission to forbid the Australian pugilist Les Darcy from fighting Jack Dillion at Madison Square Garden Monday night. The governor declared Darcy a "slacker," avoiding military service in his own country.

### WANTS LA FOLLETTE TO CHANGE HIS ATTITUDE

MADISON, March 2.—Senator Bennett offered a joint resolution in the Wisconsin legislature asking that La Follette change his attitude in the German situation.

### China is Answered.

COPENHAGEN, March 2.—Berlin reported that Germany has answered China's barred zone protest, saying the submarine naturally affects neutral shipping. Germany promises to spare Chinese lives wherever possible.

### British Won't Wait.

LONDON, March 2.—The British press refused to postpone the publication of the German submarine blockade of the Atlantic. They say American ships, but are German-owned.

## SELLS DOG FOR \$2000 AS WOMEN CRY FOR BREAD



MRS. M. E. HARBY.

At almost the same time that women of New York's East Side were clamoring for bread at the City Hall, Mrs. A. L. Holland, a New York society leader, paid to Mrs. E. M. Harby \$2000 in cash for a small Pekin spaniel, approximately the price of 500 bushels of potatoes or 15,000 pounds of onions at the present market price.

Nowata, Swinley Li Lien, the name of this aristocrat of dogdom, who commanded such a high figure. He attracted the attention of Mrs. Holland at the annual New York Dog Show at Madison Square Garden. Nowata and his brother, Nowata Pao Pay, were purchased by Mrs. Harby in England last year for \$3500.

## STYLE SHOW DRAWS IMMENSE CROWD; MODELS HANDSOME

A constantly changing picture of pretty gowns and prettier girls. That is what the Pendleton Community Style Show is, to express the story mildly. There are not enough complimentary adjectives in the dictionary to do it justice, they sort of set pale and insignificant when compared with the fresh young beauty and grace of the models who so successfully displayed the smart merchandise of Pendleton's stores before a packed house at the Temple Theatre last evening.

Evening gowns, afternoon dresses, sport suits, coats and Tailors with hats, gloves and shoes to match were worn with the ease and grace of experienced models by Miss Lucile Callison, Miss Martha Hudenmann, Miss Naydene Blakeley, Miss Inez Hall, Miss Claire McDonald, Miss Mildred Gyll, Miss Hazel Gillette, Miss Nellie Moyer, Mrs. Wade Privett, Miss Ina Kaneaster, and Mrs. Gladys Slaughter, all of Pendleton, and Miss Mabel Vaughan, professional New York model. They danced in from huge black and white striped band boxes and stepped out from the cover of a monster Vogue at the back of the stage, which was hung with yellow and white hangings. Rounds of applause and little gasps of Oh's and Ah's greeted each girl as she appeared.

There were a number of men models too, smart and well dressed, who carried their clothes with an air of distinction, but like a bridegroom at a wedding they took second place. They were Emil Beck, Wesley Hestell, Nat Kimball, Ray Chapman, Weston Lake, Al Lindgren and Ray Snyder.

Aside from the clever work of the models, the most striking feature of the show was the excellent quality and quantity of the merchandise. A large city would be hard put to display more beautiful or newer styles. The finishing touch to the costumes was supplied by handsome diamond pendants, rings, watches and bracelets which were loaned by A. L. Schaefer, Royal Sawelle and William Hanscom. The dresses and suits were furnished by The Peoples Warehouse, Sayres, Alexanders and Bonds. The chic hats were the property of the Rose Campbell Millinery, the Brusha Millinery and the Cohen Hat Shop. A. R. Allen directed the program.

## LONDON IS CERTAIN U.S. WILL NOW FIGHT

LONDON, March 2.—Newspapers regarded the German plot as a direct war act. They believe the United States will certainly fight and are confident Japan will not change sides.

The Chronicle said: "This discovery clears the air. It reveals the chancellor's Reichstag speech was a first class piece of hypocrisy. It should show every congressman in the United States that the country's interests are in real peril. The situation is too serious to permit trifling."

The Telegraph said: "We are glad the revelations were made at this juncture. It will convey to other neutrals the proof of the real importance of Germany's friendship assertions. Germany is shameless in accumulating dishonor. She plots first against one state and then another in the desperate hope she may be saved. Civilization remains imperiled until this hideous caricature is expunged from human records."

## NORTHWEST SMELT CUT HIGH PRICES

NEW YORK, March 2.—Ten tons of Columbia river smelt were dumped in the food market in an attempt to lower prices. It sold at six cents a pound. Atlantic smelt is selling at sixteen cents. After the smelt was exhausted the mayor's food committee plans to dump two tons of herring and five hundred pounds of Brazilian beans.

## BOND BROS. CAPTURE FIRST HONORS FOR BEST SHOP WINDOW

Bond Bros., popular and progressive men's store, was awarded the Sawelle silver trophy cup last evening for having the best window display during the Community Style Show. The decision was made by the judges, Harry Williamson, C. B. Prewitt and E. H. Cummings, all of whom are traveling automobile salesmen who have no direct interest in Pendleton or in any of the stores competing.

Honorable mention was given to the Peoples Warehouse, the Brusha Millinery, Sayres and The Delta. To the Taylor Hardware Co. was awarded the prize for the most unique window.

The judging was not done alone from the standpoint of prettiness. The judges first took into consideration that the attractiveness of the windows, inasmuch as the first function of a window display is to attract attention. Secondly, they judged from a standpoint of the selling power of the displays, for without this power the attractiveness is lost. Harmony and taste were also factors in determining the judges.

The Bond Bros. windows, trimmed by Lou Nechamun, combined all of these qualities to a marked degree. There may have been more attractive windows and others showing just as much taste and harmony but in the opinion of the judges, none combined with these characteristics such a strong pull upon the passerby as the simple though effective display of all of the latest styles in men's furnishings in the Bond windows.

The window of the Taylor Hardware Co. stood out above all other unique displays. It showed "Miss Tin Kanne," the company's entry in the style show, a figure of a lady built entirely of hardware.

## FOUR CENT RISE IN WHEAT TODAY

CHICAGO, March 2.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	\$1.33 1/2	\$1.34 1/2	\$1.32 1/2	\$1.34 1/2
July	\$1.55 1/2	\$1.56 1/2	\$1.54 1/2	\$1.55 1/2

Portland, Ore., March 2.—(Special)—Club \$1.61; bluestem \$1.56.

### Line Crosses Ocean.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The French liner La Touraine is scheduled to arrive late today. Wireless reported the vessel off Nantucket.

## WAR COUNCIL ORGANIZED OF ALL PARTIES

Includes Wilson, Cabinet Members and Industrial Experts; President of B. & O. Heads Transportation.

### GOMPERS DIRECTS LABOR

Guns and Ammunitions Are Mobilized at Navy Yards Ready for Instant Arming of Ships.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A war council is being organized. It includes President Wilson, cabinet members and industrial experts. It is strictly coalition. Members of every political party are represented. It is headed by President Willard of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, heads the transportation department. It is believed Gompers will direct the labor division.

### GUNS AND AMMUNITION READY TO ARM SHIPS

WASHINGTON, March 2.—It is authoritatively stated the navy department has gathered guns at the Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston and Norfolk navy yards and has mobilized ammunition, ready for the instant use of American ships. Four American liners are scheduled to be first armed. They will probably carry six inch guns, smaller vessels will carry three inchers.

## AUTO LICENSES TO MEET EXPENSE OF ROAD BOND ISSUE

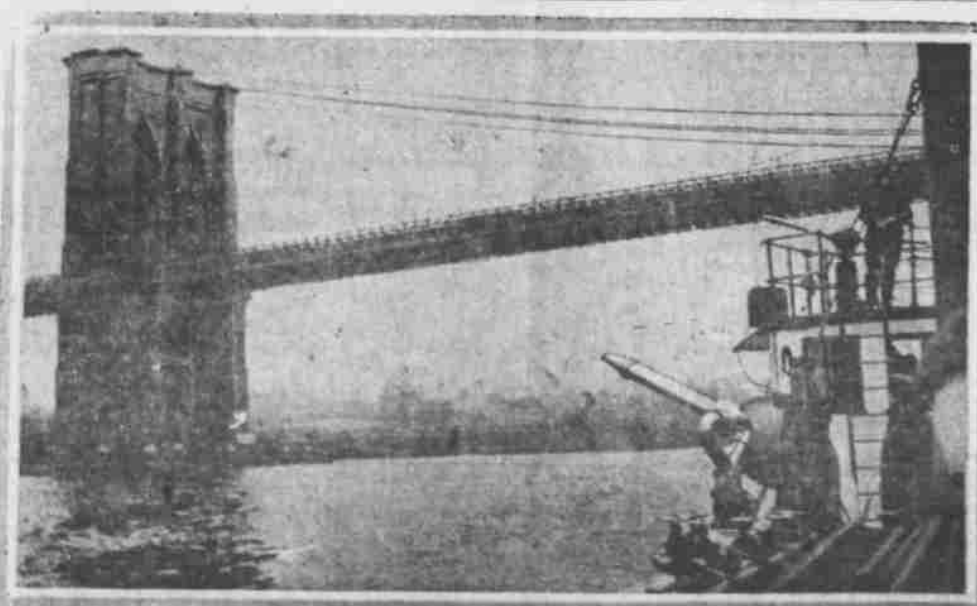
"When the people understand that the proposed state good roads bond issue will not increase their taxes and that the burden will be borne by the automobile, I believe they will be heartily in favor of the measure," declared W. L. Thompson of this city, newly appointed member of the state highway commission, on his arrival home from Portland.

The one-quarter mill road tax which we have been paying is not increased," he said. "On the other hand the license fee for automobiles is doubled by another separate act of the legislature and the fund thus derived will be sufficient to meet the interest payments on the bonds and to retire them when they become due."

Mr. Thompson would not make any comment as to what the policies of the new commission will be stating that there had been no meeting yet and that he had not even conferred with the other two members.

On his arrival home this morning Mr. Thompson found letters from about 25 applicants for positions under the commission.

## FIREMEN AID IN NATIONAL DEFENSE



THE BOAT 'NEW YORK' GUARDING BROOKLYN BRIDGE

The above photograph shows the fireboat New York tied up in the lee of the Brooklyn Bridge, guarding against fire the huge munition piers where war supplies are being loaded for the allies. The fireboats of New York plan an important part in the defense plans of Manhattan and also act as look-out boats aiding the defense of the bridges by phasing their powerful searchlights on the piers and superstructures at night.

## CONGRESS TO GIVE PRESIDENT ALL THE POWER ASKED FOR

WASHINGTON, March 2.—It is considered certain the senate will pass the bill empowering the president to arm ships, employ gunners, expend a big fund and use "other instrumentalities" to protect Americans on the high seas. A six to eight hour debate is expected before the senate votes on the bill.

The senate is scheduled to ignore the bill empowering the president to arm vessels but with holding "other instrumentalities" to protect Americans on the high seas. They will send the senate measure to the house as a substitute. The house is expected to accept the senate's bill.

Wilson plans to sign immediately. He will then issue an executive order arming American merchantmen. The government will consider a hostile attack on such vessels "an act of war" and take steps accordingly.

Senator Stone moved the senate consideration of the armed ship bill. La Follette demanded the vote. It carried sixty-four to fifteen. The vote indicated the bill's passage by a big margin. Discussion was postponed until after the naval bill passes late this afternoon.

The senate adopted the naval bill amendment providing a million and a half dollar appropriation for a San Francisco Bay base. The navy department strongly urged the appropriation.

The state department has officially agreed to release the Yarrowdale prisoners. They will leave Germany soon. Official dispatches tended to confirm the report that two Americans perished in the torpedoing of the British cargo Calcega Castle en route to Buenos Aires from Queenstown.

### 23 U. S. Ships Lost.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Twenty three American vessels have been attacked by submarines and mines since the war started. Twelve were destroyed. Four Americans were killed and six wounded, not counting the lives lost on the Lusitania and other belligerent vessels.

### FOUR YARROWDALE PRISONERS EN ROUTE TO DENMARK

NEW YORK, March 2.—A Berlin wireless dispatch dated February 28, has been received, says four American Yarrowdale prisoners were released. They are en route to Denmark.

### GERMANY "CLEAR CRAZY" IS ARGENTINE VIEW

BUENOS AIRES, March 2.—Argentine newspapers discussing the Zimmerman plot called Germany "clear crazy." Argentine is vastly interested because it believes a foreign power attempted to undermine the Monroe doctrine.

### German Raids Revisited.

PARIS, March 2.—It is announced simultaneous German raids were repulsed west of Soissons. The French raised a German Arzonne trench capturing prisoners. There was artillery duelling in Avoncourt woods.

## BULK GRAIN WILL BE SUBJECT FOR ATTENTION TOMORROW AT DEDICATION OF ELEVATOR

Pendleton's \$25,000 Farmers' Union Grain Elevator will be formally dedicated with appropriate ceremony tomorrow and at the same time the day will be made an occasion for explaining the advantages of handling grain in bulk.

The dedication ceremony is to occur at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon at the elevator. There will be a flag raising ceremony, followed by an explanatory talk by F. C. Burnett of the Burnett Construction Co. of Chicago. Talks will also be given by the three directors, R. O. Barnhart, H. J. Rosenberg and W. W. Harrah. A photograph will then be taken of the elevator and crowd, following which the crowd will adjourn to the Engle-Woodman hall where the following program will be given.

Engle-Woodman Hall, 2:30 p. m.—Address of Welcome by Mayor J. A. Root.

Response by Marshall Dana.

"Outlook for Bulk Grain," Prof. G. R. Hyslop of O. A. C.

Discussion Music.  
 Elevators Built and in course of Construction, F. C. Burnett.  
 "Prospective Elevators," discussed by those present.  
 "Grain Standards," by M. A. Yoder, federal bureau of grain standards, Portland.  
 6:30 p. m.—Banquet at the Engle-Woodman hall, under auspices of the Church of the Redeemer.  
 7:30, in Auditorium—Music.  
 Address, G. B. Hedghard, engineer of the Port of Portland.  
 Address, by B. F. Stone, president of the Port of Astoria.  
 Address, Senator Walter M. Pierce, La Grande.  
 Address, A. H. Shawyer, Milton.  
 Address, Dr. C. J. Smith, Portland.  
 Informal responses by H. H. Davidson, Joseph, Fred Weiss, Clenden, and many local people if time permits.  
 All are invited to all the programs and to the banquet, a charge of 25 cents being made for the banquet.

## GERMANS HAVE SENT MILLIONS TO CARRANZA

Money Came From Teutons Living in United States; Costa Rica Situation Being Investigated.

### STARTLING DISCLOSURES LOOM

Hundreds of Hostile Acts Constantly Plotted; Will be Revealed at "The Proper Time."

Washington, March 2.—It is learned from high government authority that Germans in the United States have sent millions of dollars to the Carranza government recently. It has been definitely established that Zimmerman sent the plot letter when he sent all German consuls instructions regarding their actions in event of a break. The instructions ordered further dismantling of German ships in American harbors. It is officially declared the instructions contained startling commands. They show Germany was constantly plotting hundreds of hostile acts. The United States is ready to make sensational disclosures "at the proper time." The justice department is investigating evidences of German work at Costa Rica and other Latin American countries.

### Oil District Watched.

EL PASO, March 2.—Secret service men are watching German activity in the Tampico oil district. They fear a plot to halt the British navy fuel supply. Ten German army officers are with General Murguía commanding Northern Mexico. Government advisors indicate that Germans caused anti-American riots in three cities.

## HOCH CASE GOES TO JURY TONIGHT

Every Indication Points to Verdict for Plaintiff; Lawyers for Defendant Fight Each Other.

The Hoch damage suit will go to the jury between 5 and 6 o'clock this evening from every indication. There will be a verdict for the plaintiff beyond all doubt. Even the attorneys for the defendants admit that. The only questions to be settled by the jury, apparently are the amount of the damages and which of the defendants will be held liable.

Argument in the case began last evening at 7 o'clock. Coy Burnett, one of the attorneys for the plaintiff, spoke two hours, after which a adjournment was taken. Frederick Steiner, attorney for Gibson & Cole, opened the argument this morning and spoke for an hour. Col. J. H. Raley, for the Peoples Warehouse, followed for an hour. C. H. Carter, for the Dickson estate, addressed the jury for a half hour and was followed by Steiner who spoke for another half hour in reply to Col. Raley's argument.

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